

JESSICA TRUITT, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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v. ) CASE NO. 1:20-cv-00147-JTA  
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ANDREW SAUL, )  
Commissioner of Social Security, )  
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Defendant. )  
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Before the court is Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees filed pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). (Doc. No. 21.) The plaintiff is the prevailing party in this litigation and seeks fees in the amount of \$1,209.25 for 6.24 hours of counsel's time expended on this litigation. Defendant Commissioner of Social Security has informed the court that he does not object to a fee award in this amount. (Doc. No. 24.)

On May 5, 2008, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals decided *Reeves v. Astrue*, 526 F.3d 732 (11th Cir. 2008), wherein the Court unambiguously held that “attorney’s fees are awarded to the prevailing party, not to the prevailing party’s attorney.” *Id.* at 738. On June 14, 2010, the United States Supreme Court decided *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 177 L. Ed. 2d 91 (2010), wherein the Court also unambiguously held that attorney’s fees are awarded to the prevailing litigant – not to prevailing litigant’s attorney – and are therefore also subject to any offset for debts. Here, counsel for the plaintiff requests that the check be mailed to her office. In light of the foregoing, the court has no

concerns with that request so long as the check is made payable to the plaintiff.

Accordingly, upon consideration of the motion, and for good cause, it is hereby  
ORDERED as follows:

1. The Motion for Attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. No. 21) is GRANTED.
2. The plaintiff is hereby AWARDED fees in the amount of \$1,209.25.
3. The check should be mailed to Jessica Truitt c/o Anna L. King, Ludlum & King, LLC, P.O. Box 1809, Auburn, Alabama 36831.

DONE, this 12th day of January, 2021.

/s/ Jerusha T. Adams

JERUSHA T. ADAMS

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE